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ABSTRACT

This resource packet was compiled by a participant in the Fulbright Summer Seminar on Indonesia. The materials provide information for teaching about the diaspora of Hinduism and Islamic beliefs throughout the southeast Asia archipelagoes and their influence on art and culture. The handouts supplement information on Indonesia as part of an Asian Cultures and Civilization course. The objectives of the seminar include providing the students with: a personal comparison between Indonesia and western culture; a comparison of cultural differences between Indonesia and the rest of Asia; a concept of values; a link between traditional and contemporary cultures; a set of non-western values; and a conceptual format to enjoy the art, music, drama, and literature of the country. A timeline, charts, and illustrations accompany the text. (EH)





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I was specifically interested in the diaspora of Hinduism and Islamic beliefs throughout the southeast Asia archipelagos and its influence on the art and culture, I was and continue to be interested in making the comparisons of India and Indonesia's responses to the pressures of population and economics of a developing nation from a different colonial background.

My seminar objectives have been:

- 1. to provide the students with a personal comparison between Indonesia and western culture,
- 2. to expand my knowledge of Asian and, in particular, Indonesian art history and its cultural and historical context,
- 3. to provide the students with the a comparison of cultural differences between Indonesia and the rest of Asia,
- 4. to provide the students with an understanding of the complexity and social integration of culture which exist on a daily basis within Indonesia's diverse cultures,
- 5. to provide the students with a concept of values that have been passed down from generation to generation through mythologies of various cultures,
- 6. to provide the students with the link between traditional and contemporary cultures within a country,
- 7. to provide the students with a set of non-western values that have proven a successful alternative to western culture,
- 8. to provide the students with mythologies and artworks which reflect the values of family, community, and self in society,
- 9. and to provide students with not only a chronological delineation of history but also a conceptual format to enjoy this countries art, music, drama and literature .



My participation in The Summer Seminar on Indonesia allowed me to explore the roles of the arts and literature of the country as they are affected by mythologies, by local religions, as well as by social and technological change. I attempted to observe the values the Indonesian people and how they were reflected in their cultures in the rolls of:

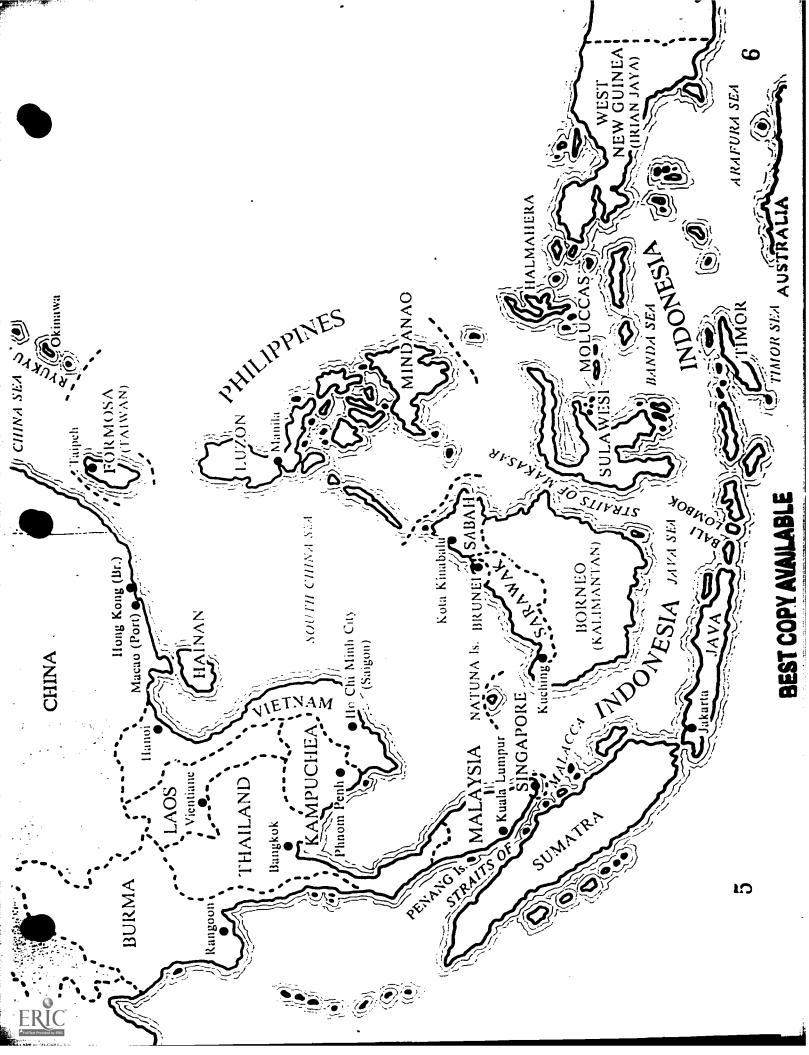
- 1. the role of marriage and the family
- 2. the relationships between women and men
- 3. the role of the arts and the artist
- 4. the role of the institutions of religion and government
- 5. the personal values of friendship, love, honor and death
- 6. the consequences of technological and populational trends & changes

In order to obtain the required composite of information I did the following activities:

- 1. I observed the daily activities and life of the communities
- 2. I took and labeled 52 rolls of slides (over 1800 photographs) of daily life, art works, dance, and dramatic performances for instructional material
- 3. I photographed and interviewed artists, writers, teachers and religious leaders for personal insights and perspectives about their country and their work.
- 4. I audio recorded lectures given by writers, artists, teachers, religious and leaders during the seminars formal sessions.
- 5. I collected and purchased local books and written material to illustrate the cultural differences and mythological base of Indonesian uniqueness.
- 6. I have continued to filter, sort and assimilate the material on art, legends, myths, and religions of these countries paying particular attention to their present impact on society and how they in turn are changed by society and the world around them.

The enclosed samples of educational handouts will be used as supplementary information on Indonesia used in conjuction with the slides I have taken. Indonesia is part of a larger course of study on Asian Cultures and Civilization that I will be team teaching in the Winter Quarter of 1995. Thank you so much for the oppurtunity to learn about this part of the world.





indonesia Historical Calendar

1,000,000 bce - "Java Man"/ P. erectus (Dubois) Calvaria, Middle Pleistocene

dicovered by Eugene Dubois, Trinil, Java

"Solo Man" / discovered in Solo River Valley, Java 1949

H. sapiens soloensis (Oppenoorth) Calvaria XI, Upper Pleistocene

1,000,000 bce- 40,000bce

stone tools

4000 bce

refined stone tools

5000-3000bce

Donsong Culture - bronze drums

bronze ceremonal axes

5 bce - 15c

stone pyramid built for worship

Yupa stone - inscribed in Gujarat language native to Rajputana,

Mathura, and Allahabad, India.

Hinduism introduced by Indian traders

Taruma kingdom established by Purnavarman

footprint stones refer to Visnu

5c-6c

first statues of Brahmanic and Buddhist remains

730 - 930 ad

Sailendras conquers central Java

establishes first major power in Indonesia,

introduces Mahayana Buddhism

building of Prambanam and Borobudur (Hindu and Buddhist)

800's

Islam introduced by Arab traders

9c

King Balaputra of Silendra dynasty gives income from 5 villages to

Buddhist university in Bihar district of India, probably for

Indonesian pilgrims

929-1222

Kadiri kingdom

1222-1293

Singasari kingdom

1293-1527

Majapahit kingdom

14c

praises of Indon. kings still sung in Buddhist monastaries in India

1292

Marco Polo visits Java with Chinese traders going to Europe

1512

last of mountain monuments to Hinduism constructed on Java

1602

creation of Dutch East Indies Trading Co.

(held Mollocos Islands only)

- forced monoply of trade

- required forced labor

- required forced cultivation of crops

18c.

last Hindu kingdom on Java, Bambagan, becomes Islam



remaining Hindu adherents move to Bali

liberalisation of trade

Dutch Colonialism of greater Indonesia begins
-educational system produced only 300 college graduated by 1950

Dutch colonial administration

Dutch colonial administration

Japanese rule of Indonesia

Indonesian Independence

establishment of the the Pancasila standard of government





GEOGRAPHY

LARGEST ARCHIPELAGO IN THE WORLD

INDONESIA, the largest archipelago in the world, lies between 6° North and 11° South at the crossroads of the continents of Asia and Australia/ Oceania. This strategic position has gleatly influenced its cultural, social, political and economic life.

Indonesia stretches 3.977 imles between the Indian and Pacific Oceans, which is the width of the United States of America, or the distance from Oregon to Bermuda. If the water space between the 13,700 scattered islands is included, Indonesia covers 1.9 million square miles, or 2½ times the size of Australia! As 80% of the area is in fact water, Indonesians refer to their country as *Tanah An Kita*, which literally means "Our Oxaton of) Land and Water."

Indonesia's five main islands are Sumatra (Slightly larger than California), Java (almost the size of New York State), Kalimantan, on the world's third largest island, Borneo, Sulawesi (about the size of Great Britain), and Irian Jaya, part of the world's second largest island, New Guinea. The other islands, of which only 6,000 are inhabited, vary in size from rocky outcrops to larger islands.

HISTORY

PREHISTORY

Skinned, wooly-haired, pygny Negrito who belonged to the Australoid group. He was the first *Homo sapiens* to come to Indonesia, about 30,000 to 40,000 years ago. Nobody knows where he came from exactly, but his genetic traces can still be found in Eastern Indonesia, as in the highland tribes of Irian Jaya.

The Negritos were followed several centuries later by people of the Australoid group. They were also dark-skinned and wooly-haired, but had broad, flat noses and pronounced brow ridges. It is not clear whether they originated in Africa or India, but today many tribes which reside in the remotest islands and jungles of Indonesia bear a striking resemblance.

Both these groups were soon driven into the highlands and jungles by Mongolian migration from the north. There seems to have been two major movements out of the overpopulated northern Indochina region: that of the Proto-Malays and that of the Deutro-Malays.

The Proto-Malays, represented today by ethnic groups such as the Bataks and Dayaks, brought with them a Neolithic, or New Stone Age, technology. They lived in village settlements, domesticated animals and cultivated food. Evidence of their culture can be seen today in the huge stone monuments, or megaliths, found in Sumatra.

The Deutro-Malays belonged to the true Mongoloid race. How they came to Indonesia is still a mystery, but they soon took over the best agricultural lands, driving the other inhabitants into the highlands and jungles. Today, their descendants are found along the coasts and plains of all the major islands, and constitute the majority among Indonesia's ethnically diverse population.

ISTRORY TO SEE THE SEE

THE HINDU-BUDDHIST KINGDOMS

In the 2nd century A.D., India was at the peak of its cultural development. The Indonesian ruling class, impressed with India's philosophical, religious and cultural superiority, started to "Indianize" their own kingdoms. They invited Brahmin scholars to their courts, sent students to study in India.

learned about astronoury and navigational techniques, figure sculpturing and textile dyeing, borrowed numerous Sanskrit words which are still in use; introduced spices such as cardamom and turmeric into their food; domesticated horses and elephants, and changed their architectural style.

However, the two biggest are as of change were in the new social status of the rulers and in religion. The Indonesian aristoctacy found they could better control their kingdoms once they introduced the Indian concept of a divine ruler—perhaps a descendant of some mythical figure or a reincarnation of the Hindu god Vishnu himself—with limitless powers and belonging to the highest "caste."

India's twin religions—Hinduism and Buddhusn—began a peaceful coexistence in Java and Sumatra. Later, the Hindu god Shiva and Lord Buddha were treated as reincarnations of the same God, thus further blurring the distinction between the two

chance, "see Borobudur chance, "see Borobudur during the full moon or in the very early morning when layers of mist fill the valley and ... conical voice, oes shine in the morning sun" (Dalton, Indonesta Handbook). Approach the gentle pyramid from the west and walk clockwise through its ten terraces to pay tribute to the gods. It is three miles to the top.



By about the 8th century there were two well-established kingdoms: the Buddhist Srivijaya kingdom in Somatra which ruled the seas and major marine routes for the next 600 years, and the Hindu-Buddhist Mataram and Sailendra kingdoms of Central Java which controlled inland rice production for a shorter period of time. In fact, Sumatra was called Swarnan Dwipa, or "Gold Island," while Java was called Java Dwipa, or "Rice Island."

The Srivijaya kingdom was based on foreign trade, and controlled the strategic Straits of Malacca. From here, spices, incense and other rare goods were traded between China and India.

The Javanese Mataram and Sailendra kingdoms were more culturally oriented. The rich soils and wet-rice agriculture supported a huge population, much of which was later employed for the building of the magnificent. Borobudur (see page 22) and Prambanan temples. This peaceful coexistence of Hindus and Buddhists did not last long: after a turbulent, 500 years or so, there emerged a powerful new Hindu kingdom in Java called the Majapahit. Established in 1294 in an area known for its pabit (bitter) maja fruit, this empire marked the Golden Age of Indonesian history. It was then that a true Indonesian identity emerged and a unique Javanese art and culture developed and flourished.

However, around the 14th century this great kingdom went into decline and was soon invaded by the new Islamic state of Demak. The entire Hindu-Javanese aristocracy fled to Bali, leaving behind a rich heritage which even until today shows how close the Indian-Indonesian

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LIFESTYLE

DEATH AND FUNERALS

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BODY LANGUAGE

In general Indonesians tend to be much more reserved in their body movements, and gestures than westerners. Universitative flugging the arms, jerking the head and talking boudly tever in angerors considered kasaror (unictined). The manners caught in facial expressions, gestures and other body signals often say as much, it not more, than the message in the words alone.

Here is a short list of body language peculiar to Indonesians

THE HEAD AND THE FEET. The head and the feet are, by virtue of then position, the most and least esteemed parts of the body respectively. The head contains the "fife force" and is thus considered sacred. In the past, head hunters the the Dayaks of Kalimanian and Toradjanese of Sulaweso would bring back enemy heads for good lack. Toradjanese of Sulaweso.

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patted on the head Respect is also shown by keeping the head lower than the person being honored.

One has to be just as careful with one's feet pointing them at someone is disrespectful, and

propping them up on a table is absolutely table

GREETING In greetings there is no effusive hugging and kissing, just a respectful Islams "handshake" where you hold both the hands of the other person, let go, and then bung your hands to your clost in social encles, however, the ladies kiss each other on both checks butch.

Body Language

STANDING In most situations Indonesians tend to stand in what is considered the most bumble and respectful stance the hands lightly overlapped in front of the body, the head slightly bowed and it talking to someone of lighter status the eyes lowered standing with the hands on the hips is aggressive and when held behind the back, considered too superior.

WALKING Witer in a restricted space one asks permission before walking in front of someone. This is done by bending low, extending the right and forward, manifolding a permistif please give me permission," that is, excessene, and quickly walking across.

POINTING Independence only point with their thumb. Using any other finger is considered rude. The gesting is like a gentler version of that used in America for Intelning a ride, but with a more open palm. This gesting is also used like a 'go alread' signal when asking someone to proceed. For instance one would use it to invite someone to start on a meal by pointing at the tood.

GESTURES Rude or observe signs are sekkom seen. One different gesture is the one indicating madness. Instead of encling the index finger at the lonehead, the band is used to "saw" the forehead in two. "you half brain!"

SMILING The smile is ever present in hidonesia, but it does not always incheate happiness. The Javanese are known to giggle when they are sid-smile when they have to give bad news, and laugh when nervous or contrised, some of these differences are related to their belief that like should remain as eafin and minifiled as possible.

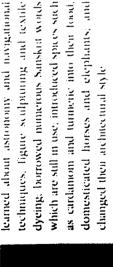
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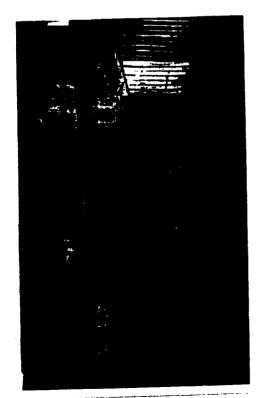
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DIFFERENT FOLKS WITH DIFFERENT STROKES

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PLEXIBLE TYME Time is structured very differently in Indonesia. The day begans at surset, so "last night" is considered carber the same day inclonesians have a very laid back approach to punctuality—a person can arrive between an hour to three hours late without causing offense. When you ask someone the time, it is rounded out to the nearest quarter in even half bour, there is no need to be exact.

BATHING Indonesians bathe at least twice a day, and the more water splashed around, the deaner and better. In a typical bathroom one does not cloub, into the stone storage basis or *manth*. Its cold water is splashed from this *manth* over oneself for an invigorating bath which knows everything sosking wet

Most timal homes do not have todets and to defecate one gaves to a mentive stream. A squat todet is usually a hole in the ground with footness on entirer side. There is usually no flosh system not todet paper, as water is preferred to a reasons of hygienic.

Different Folks with Different Strokes

SICKNESS Medical Lachtness are osed hestatingly. Most mild illnesses are treated at boune and come under the general triabiedla of *prostic argain* furerally the entrance of wind. To protect against this, Indonesians wrap themselves in warm ciothes. It is not uncommon to see workers weaming zipped up black leather lackets under the intense midday sur To cure any illness due to *musik angin*, oil is rubbed onto a person's neak and back with a heavy metal com which is vigoriously scraped along the skin. The deep amber stapes which remain for a day or two actually look much worse than they bed

people of the opposite sex is not considered proper, thought is perfectly acceptable for friends of the same sex to walk hand in land. Sissing in public is taboo.

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FORGIVENESS Asking longiveness for any cirous made is a part of the national ethic and the main feature of Javanese politeness. At Lebaran Mosteris formally long-longiveness for wrong doings of the past year from framily and friends. When leaving a job the same is doine of one's colleagues and superiors. The apodogy is always accepted gracefully and everyone starts on a clean slate.

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The Influence of Islam, Hinduism and Pancasila on the Art of Indonesia

Islam

Fundamental values

Promotion of the Worship of One God Promotion of Social Cohesiveness

Promotion of Family Cohesiveness

Religions restrictions imposed to promote fundamental objective

Food restrictions

no alcoholic beverages

kosher cut meat

use of fasting

Modesty dress code

women must cover their hair men should always wear long pants

no bare shoulders in public

Education used to promote religious values

Restictions placed on Art works

"Make no graven images", dictate

acceptance of calligraphy as an art form

acceptance of pattern making as an art form

tiles

fabric design

architectural details

Social results of Islam on Art

little or no paintings of figures and animals

little or no art education within Islamic schools

little or no visual works dealing with religious or political issues

little or no societal support for art schools

little or no societal support for art museums, etc.



The Influence of Islam. Hinduism and Pancasila on the Art of Indonesia

Balinese Hinduism

Fundamentai Values

Worshipping of Many Gods Traditional Hindu Pantheon

Brahma

Vichnu

Shive

Ancestoral idols and temples

Belief in Reincarnation

requires cremation ceremony of every person

requires respect of the dead

requires protection of ones children as future cremators

Important use of Religious ceremonies

used to placate demons, ancestors and mysterious forces

used to create social cohesion

used to link past to future

Art School established in Denpasar

to pass on traditional skills

to pass on traditional values

to pass on historical basis

Social results of Hinduism on the Visual arts

artworks used to honor the gods and ancestors

artworks used to describe the rath of the gods and demons

artworks used to embellish temples and homes

artworks used to embellish the cremation ceremonies

artworks used to create societal unity and common set of beliefs



The Influence of Islam, Hinduism and Pancasila on the Art of Indonesia

the Indonesian government and the Pancasila governing <u>vdqozolidq</u> Fundamental values Belief in one God **Just and Civilized Society** Unity of Indonesia Democracy guided by Wisdom and Deliberation of Representatives Social Justice for all of Indonesian people Social results of Pancasila and the Constitution on the visual arts "preserve the nations heritage" "encourage works based on traditional elements" "encourage works based on foreign traditions and new ideas" Art used to create and promote a historical context for the nation used to honor pass heroes used to support the values of the present government used to create a common bond among the peoples Art institutions/schools (Seventeen Music.Dance, Art, and craft schools) only five visual art schools in existence in the nation Fine arts School, Denpasar(Bali) student pop. 412 Institute of Technology, Bandung student pop.? Fine arts School, Padang(W. Sumatra) pop. 580 Acad. of Fine arts, Yogyakarta(Cen. Java) pop. 410 Kenisian Jakarta, (local administration of Jakarta) ? all art schools poorly supported with funds all art schools poorly supported with full-time faculty all art schools have very limited library and laboratory facilities all art schools relegated to a lower position in the university hieracy Art museums and cultural institutions most poorly housed and poorly maintained The Indonesian National Museum in Jakarta breadth of collection crowded exhibtion cases poorly preserved perusable items The Kraton Library in Yogyakarta breadth of collection lack of proper storage for a humid climate The West Java Cultural Museum at Bandung breadth of collection the exception - proper use of space better storage facilities little support of contemporary art museum Balai Seni Rupa in Jakarta. only known museum of contemporary art little support for cinema board lacks adequete space facilities poorly maintained Social results of Pancasila Values promoted

freedom of expression preserving of traditions

economic development of the country

Economics define true priorities



Hinduism

Buddhism

Jainism

God

Thousands of gods, but three main ones are worshiped:
Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva with many incarnations and names for each

Creation theory
Creator of all universes from
Brahman

After Life

Believes in the cycle of birth and rebirths, the universe will expire and be reborn the same as the individuals and the gods

No creator but Hindu gods, OK, Buddha never denied the gods Buddha, himself sometimes considered a god (Mahayana sect) sometimes a man(Theravada or Hinayana sects)

Universe is without a creator, it is created out of higher forces

Believes in cycle of birth and rebirth, but the ultimate is the escape the cycle for "nirvana" (peace and freedom from rebirth)

Gods may exist but not much more important than man

No creator. Universe is selfexistent. Due to the perfection of the world, a creator would imply a need to improve

Does not believe in rebirth, the universe is self-existent and indestructible. Heaven exists for souls of the right living

Primary Belief

Present life on earth is only a temporary state and will be improved in the next existence if a person does their duty.

Animals and men have souls between which souls can be reborn.

Life is misery. Desire is the root of man's problems. All people should strive to obtain liberation from existence on this earth by means of good deeds, "dharma." The soul without desire will not be reborn into more misery.

Life is essentially evil. The object of living is deliverance through right action

<u>Salvation</u>

Doing your duty in your station in this life will bring you back to a higher level in the next.

Living habits
Adopts, generally, a
vegetarian diet to preserve
life of animals.
Some will occasionally eat
chicken but rarely pork

Knowledge is the only release from the cycle of birth and rebirth.

Adopts generally a vegetarian diet to preserve the life of animals abstains from alcohol and drugs.

Right knowledge, right conduct, right faith and chastity will release man from matter's tyranny

Adopts a strict vegetarian diet, and forbids eating root crops and garlic, abstains from alcoholic drinks and drugs

Islam

Parsee(Zoroastrian)

Sikhism

Allah, one god

Gods of fire, earth, water and air

"one god, unborn and self existent

Creation theory Genesis theory of creation

universe has always been created because of the constancy of matter

"The in dweller of nature" is eternal and present in every particle of the world. Not a manipulator of matter but ever present in matter

After Life

Heaven only for those that believe in Allah

and cleansed, after the cataclysm of all. The body becomes a part of another life by having all bodies eaten by birds lest the soul be defiled by fire or dirt

All souls go to hell until judged belief in rebirth of the soul and eventually unison with god

Primary Belief

Belief in one true God, Pray 5 times a day, Give alms. Perform a month's fast every year and a pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime.

All things contain within a particle of "The Deceiver", the evil principle. Man has free will to choose "the light" or the Equality of men and women "Lie", the eternal fight between good and evil with man's duty in his conflict nature is good-

"make an enemy a friend make wicked righteous and the make the ignorant learned"

The "Ego" is the root cause of all ills and evils of man. No caste or color differences, "The aim of life is not to get salvation or paradise but to develop the best in man which is god"

Salvation

Comes by living right and dying in holy wars

Comes from good deeds, thought and words-Live a life of piety and morality

Comes from strength, service to man, humility and equality, good deeds not caste. creed or color

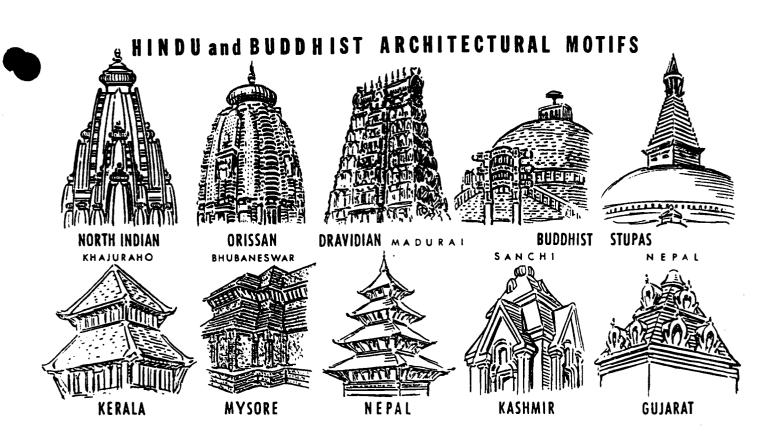
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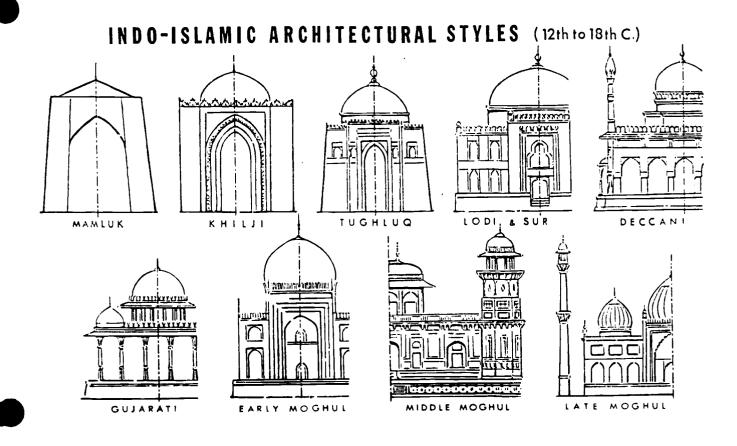
Meat eating, OK, but must be prepared according to Kosher a vegetarian diet to preserve techniques, eat no pork

"Eat no Flesh" the life of animals, abstains from alcohol and drugs

generally vegetarian diet, and some eat meat but rarely pork









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Barong / Kris Dance of Bali

The Barong Play represents an eternal fight between good and evil spirits. Barong (the mythological lion-like animal) represents a good spirit and Rangda (the mythological monster) represents an evil one.

The Barong/Kris dance originated on Bali in one particular village which became popular with the local people because of the story, demons, and elaborate performance. It eventually grew into a regional event and finally a symbolic dance associated with the island of Bali. It is now primarily performed for tourists with whom it is popular for its final scene of religious trance dancing where the dancers seemingly pierce themselves with a Kris(magical knives).

Slides

- 1 The entry of the Barong, (good spirit) who moves about with magnificence to the music.
- 2. The entry of the Barong, (good spirit)
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- 4. The entry of the Barong, (good spirit)
- 5. The Barong, (good spirit) with his monkey friend, who teases him.
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- 7. Servants of Rangda (evil) are looking for the servants of Dewi Kunti, a queen.
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- 9. Servants of Dewi Kunti, enter as comic figures. They act the buffoons.
- 10. One of the Servants of Rangda changes into a witch who enters both the servants and causes them to quarrel and fight with one another.
- 11. Entry of Patih (the prime minister and husband of Dewi Kunti)
- 12. Dewi Kunti is shown with Patih(the prime minister) and Sadewa, her son, who she has promised to sacrifice to Rangda.
- no slide- a witch appears and enters both Dewi Kunti and Patih, who fight violently with one another, in the end Patih relents to take Sadewa into the forest and there he is tied to a tree.
- 13. Dewi Kunti w/ servants after tying Sadewa to a tree.
- 14. The god Siwa (Shiva) enters giving Sadewa immortality while he remains tied to a tree.
- 15. Rangda appears to try to eat Sadewa, which proves impossible because he is now immortal.
- 16. Sadewa fights and eventually kills the Rangda, who goes to heaven.
- 17. Rangda's servants running about.
- 18. Kalika, another servant of Rangda has killed one of Dewi Kunti's servants.



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- 19. Kalika, servant of Rangda, changed into a boar and gets killed in a battle w/ Sadewa
- 20. Kalika, servant of Rangda, then turns into a bird who is again defeated by Sadewa.
- 21. Kalika now changes into Rangda herself and Sadewa cannot kill her again.
- 22. Sadewa then changes into a Barong for the never ending battle between good and evil.
- 23. Followers of the Barong help to fight against Rangda(evil)
- 24. Rangda beaten back temporarily
- 25-28. The followers of the Barong go into a trance, and attempt to kill themselves because of their inability to completely get rid the world of evil. (In one version, Rangda's magical power forced the dancers to the turn their knives on themselves.)
- 29. The priest applies holy ashes to the dancers wounds while the Barong protects him.



Simplified Hindu Pantheon

Brahman

too great to be understood or approached no temples constructed to this deity no direct worship

Gods created out of the incomprehensible neuter Shiva Vishnu Brahma Lord of destruction Lord of Creation Lord Preserver one of the oldest gods no consorts but several Other names other names female personifications Incarnations Consort Consorts Mahadeva Prajapati' Sarasvati (Savitri) Matsya Lakshmi Parvati Nataraja Pitamaha Saturupa Durga Kurma Bhairava Kamalasana Gayatri Varaha Kali Vinadhara Atmabhu Brahmani (Brahi) Narasimha Devi Paramesti Vamana Chandi Lingam/Yoni Hiranyagarbha Chamuda Parasurama Savitripathi Uma Rama Adikavi Krishna Sati Eusha The Buddha Swayambhu Kalkin (son) (sons) Kama god of love Ganesh "remover of obstacles" Kartikeya "god of war" (created only out of Shiva himself) beings created out of the division of his own substance - half-man, half-woman Prajapatis - "active" Kadra (mom) associated figures Rishis - passive* (male beings not gods) Nagas (sages) Marichi (Morality) Kasyapa(dad) Ananta Kasyapa Atri (Decency) Garuda Atri Jatayu (son) Angiras (Charity) Vinata (mom) Sampati(son) Vasishta Pulastya (Patience) Viswamitra Pulaha (Pride) Gantama Kritu (Piety) IJamadagni KProchitas (Ingeniunty) Bharadwaja Vasisbita (Emulation) Bhrigu (Humility) Narada (Reason)



Vishnu (Lord Preserver) represents goodness, politeness god with a thousand names

consort - Lakshmi

ten major incarnations or avatar of Vishnu

(goddess of agriculture, health, proserity)

- 1. Matsya (fish) probable god of fishermen
- 2. Kurma (tortoise)assoc. with creation of the earth
- 3. Varaha (Boar) raised the earth from primal waters
- 4. Narasimha (man-lion)who killed a greedy and irreligious leader
- 5. Vamana (deformed dwarf)who overwhelmed the evil King Bali
- 6. **Parasurama** (militant brahmin)swore vengence against the Kashatriyas who persecuted the Brahmin caste
- 7. Rama (Ramachandra)- god in Human form in Mahabharata
- 8. Krishna(blue boy w/ flute) symbolic of human love
- 9. The Buddha- incarnation used to counteract growing influence
- 10. **Kalkin -** (the man with a horses head) will become incarnate at the end of the present age



Garuda (man-bird) - charger of Vishnu

Ananta (thousand headed Hydra) - bed of Vishnu

has four hands with a symbol of power in each

Lotus - grows from his navel on which Brahma sits, symbolic of creation and power over Brahma

Lotus (Padma) symbol in one his four hands, related to beauty

Conch - symbol in one of his four hands, feminine shape, symbolic, probably, of the sound "Om" before the creation of the universe

Mace (Gadha) -symbol in one of his four hands, symbolic of war and masculine power

Missle or weapon(Chakra)- symbol in of his four hands, war





Brahma (Lord of Creation) probably one of the oldest gods

god with four heads, from each of which sprang a Veda sometimes described to have been be hatched from a golden egg othertimes from a lotus from the navel of Vishnu

no incarnations but known by many names

Prajapati - (tortoise)lord of creatures
Pitamaha - the patriarch
Kamalasana - he who is seated on the lotus
Atmabhu - self-existent
Paramesti - the chief sacrificer
Hiranyagarbha - born of the golden egg
Savitripathi - husband of Savitri
Adikavi - the first poet
Aja - self-existing
Swayambhu - self-existing

Eusha - (a boar), crator of the earth



female personifications

Saturupa- a daughter born of his own body with whom he had fallen in love Savitri - a name of Sarasvati

Sarasvati-(consort)rides a swan and lolds lute, Goddess of learning, patron of music and poetry

Gayatri - daughter of a sage, sometimes 2nd wife to Brahma

Brahi (Brahmani)- another name of Savitri(Sarasvati), wife of Brahma, one of the divine mothers

son - Kama - God of Love also known as Panchahana (wife) Rat! - passion



Shiva "auspicious"(Lord of Destruction)

controller of war, pestilence, famine, death condemned to be a wanderer throughout time, a personification of the concept of impermanance and constant change

vehicle is Nandi, Sacred Bull

Has a thousand other names

Mahadeva - "great god",

Nataraja - "cosmic dancer"creator-destroyer; name used in S. India

Bhairava - "the terrifying one"

Vinadhara - master of the arts and sciences

symbols

lingam and yoni - (phallas) force of creation

trident - Shiva's staff

hour-glass drum - heart-beat of cosmos

flame in hand- consuming power

skull in hair - symbol of death

crecent moon- phase preserver

third eye - with which he saved the universe from darkness,

and burns Kama (Love) to ashes

tiger skin cover- symbol of verility

coils of serpents- symbol of verility

battle ax- symbol of war

human skull bowl- symbol of death



SHIVA (From Moor's Hindu Fastheen)

Consorts of Shiva

Parvati -"mountain"(fisher-maid)Changed form of Uma, most powerful of all goddesses

Durga - woman w/ ten arms w/ a weapon in each arm, charger - Lion

Kali - black half-naked woman, goddess of epidemics and cataclysms, conquered time,

garland of skulls and red dripping tongue

Devi - "The Goddess", all powerful

Chandi -

Chamunda - a form of Durga, one of the "seven divine mothers"

Uma - (wife) the daughter of the Himalayas, beautiful devotee who tortured herself for his love

Sati - (reborn as Uma) devoted wife who immolated herself

sons

- Ganesha the elephant headed god (vehicle is the "rat") god of prudence and wisdom, remover of obstacles born of Shiva and Parvati
- Kartikeya (born of Shiva without Uma) known also as Kumara, as Subramanya in S. India god of war and general of the celestial armies



The Ramayana - an ancient story

The Ramayana originated in India well over 2000 years ago as an epic poem written by Vilyiki, some have said Vyasa, about 400BC and consists of 24,000 stanzas. The Ramayana is depicted in works of sculpture and painting from some of the earliest periods and is probably one of the best known stories of the Puranas. It has been more recently been turned into a television series that was watched by a huge numbers in India each night for several weeks.

Thailand and Indonesia- versions of the Ramayana

It was adopted by the Thai people (Siamese) and modified to harmonize with their own cultural traits and national character. The most famous version is the one by King Rama I, The founder of Bangkok and the present ruling dynasty in Thailand. This version known as the Ramakian, has become a masterpiece of the Thai literature.

The shadow puppets of Thailand and Indonesia tell the story of the Ramayana with dramatic flair in a folk narrative. The puppets are created from leather and are usually constructed for very simple lighting available as the puppeteer goes from village to village retelling the tale for entertainment and money.

The story is moral in nature. In it we witness the victory of man over the power of evil. It is the story of one of the reincarnations of the God Narayana, on Earth. He was sent down from heaven by Shiva (the Supreme God and Creator of the Universe) in order to fight the power of evil (as personified in the race of Giants under the leadership of Ravana).

This version, copied from a Thai condensation, briefly summarizes the Ramayana story which has many different versions.

Nonduk was Giant serving Shiva in heaven. His duty was to sit at the foot of the hill on which Shiva resided, and wash the fect of all the Gods and Goddesses before they climbed up to visit Shiva. They however, would always tease Nonduk by pulling a few hairs from his head, until one day he became completely bald. Angrily, Nonduk went up to see Shiva, and asked him for a gift. It was granted that his forefinger would have the power of death when printed at anyone. Now, when Gods and Goddesses came to see Shiva and tease Nonduk, he would point his finger at them without warning, and they would die. Shiva found out and summoned Narayana to go down and kill Nonduk. When Narayana came down, he artfully took the shape of a beautiful dancing Goddess and invited Nonduk to dance. Narayana made his graceful movements so skillfully, that he succeeded in tricking Nonduk into pointing back straight at his own heart, thus killing himself. Before he died, Nonduk saw Narayana transformed back into his own shape and mocked him for not having the courage to fight him in a real battle. Narayana replied that if Nonduk would be born again, he would with him to have ten heads and twenty arms all capable of wielding deadly weapons. Narayana wished himself to be reborn as simple human being, who with just his two arms would still fight Nonduk.



It thus came to pass, that Nonduk was reborn as the wicked Giant Ravana, and Narayana was reborn into the race of Men as Rama. Narayana's consort was reborn into the form of S.c.a, to Ravana's Queen Monto. When she was born, she uttered three times on ominous cry hailing the destruction of the Giants. This newly-born daughter could not be kept for it was feared that she would bring the destruction of all the Giants and their city. She was therefore placed in a glass bowl and floated down the stream. A Hermit found her and raised her as his own daughter. Sida grew up to be very beautiful and she was offered in marriage to anyone that could lift up a large, powerful bow, which Shiva had given the Hermit. Many came to try, but it was only Rama who was able to do it. Thus Rama and Sida were married.

An old King who had no children, tired of the worldly life, and thus left his Kingdom to live in the forest as a Hermit. His beard grew very long and two sparrows made their home in it. One day he overheard them saying that he had sinned by not leaving nay descendants behind to ensure the safety of his followers. The Hermit, now aware of the truth, retired from priestly life and took a wife which be created from the fire by magic. His wife soon bore him a daughter. One day when he went out to seek food for his family, the god Indra came down and won the love of his own. Then the Sun God came down and did likewise. Again, another son was born. The hermit loved these sons very much, until one day his daughter jealously said that he was treating other people's children better than his own. He immediately demanded an explanation from her, and then to ensure the truth made a solemn vow. He would throw all his children into the river, and if any was his own child they would be able to swim back to him. If not, they should swim away to the other side and be changed into Monkeys. The sons never came back but were changed into Monkeys by the curse of their father. The daughter swam back. The Hermit was so angry, that he cursed his wife, changing her into a piece of stone (which later served as a bridge for Rama's army). The mother used the last of the her remaining power to make the daughter, who had betrayed her, to remain motionless forever standing with one leg against the branch of a tree. She would remain this way until the time would come when she would give birth to a Monkey who would fight for Rama. Only then would she be free. Several years later, the Wind God came down and made lover to her. A son was born called Hanuman. Being the Son of the Wind he can never die, because whenever the Wind blows he is brought back to life. Hanuman possessed great magical power, as well as eight arms and four faces. When he yawned, the stars came out of his mouth lighting up the sky.

The sister-in law of Ravana was angry at Rama for refusing her proffered love, and so tried to revenge her pride by arousing the lust of the powerful Giant King. The beauty of Rama's wife Sida, was amplified in her description to such a large extent, that Ravana was incited to steal her for himself. Through the use of deception, her was able to forcefully carry away Sida. In

his flight, he was discovered by a huge Bird. The Bird was badly wounded by Ravana, but before he died, managed to fly to Rama and tell hem all that had happened.

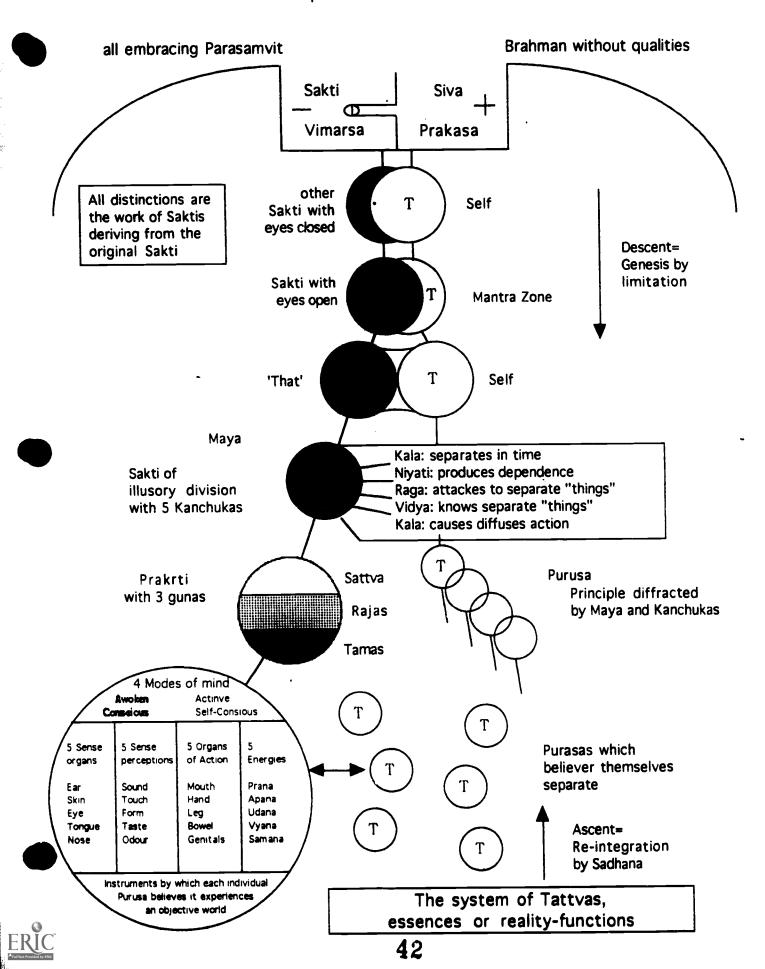
Hanuman now learned that Rama was going off to fight the Giants alone, and therefore offered Rama his help and that of his brother's army. The war that developed was fierce. Both sides employed all the deceitful tactics and magical powers at their command. At one time, Rama was hypnotized and captured by one of the enemy, and was saved by Hanuman just in time. It was also Hanuman, who on being captured, tricked Ravana into setting fire to him so that he could burn down the Giant city. In the many battles that occurred, most of Ravana's allies were killed by Rama and his army. Ravana however, couldn't be killed, so the war dragged on....

Though his heart was pierced by an arrow, Ravana could not die, since his soul was outside his body, safe-guarded by his former teacher, a Hermit. Hanuman then went in search of the Hermit, and was successful in secretly exchanging boxes and stealing away with the one containing Ravana's soul. The end was near...Ravana now learned that Hanuman had his soul, but still came out bravely to fight and die. At the same instant that he was shot by one of Rama's arrows, Hanuman took the soul case and crushed it into dust. Thus ended the proud and arrogant life of Ravana. The fourteen years of war were now over.

Sida would not come out to Rama until she had proven herself. If she had been pure and faithful, fire would not harm her. She requested all the mortals and Gods to bear witness as she walked through the fire. At every step, a lotus blossomed beneath her feet and she remained unharmed. Rama was happy and came up to take her arm and sit her beside him once again...

Sankhya Tattva

tantric diagram illustrating the manifestation processes of creation







Buddhism

Siddhartha(personal name) Gautama(clan), Shakya(tribe)
Prince of Kapilavastu,
also known as:"Buddha" "Enlightened,"
Shakya-muni "Sage of the Shakyas,"
and Tathagata "One Who Has Won the Truth"

born? c. 563-483 B.C. written about in Ceylon c. 80B.C. The biography of Gautama Buddha was written down some five hundred years and five hundred miles from where he had lived so much may be myth.

He was most interested in stopping the cycle of rebirth and came to the revelation that Ignorance was the key to the cycle.

"This, then, is the cause of suffering in the world of living beings; and this, therefore, is the method for its discontinuance."

from 1, ignorance, there proceed in series: 2. acts, 3. new inclination, 4. incipient consciousness (portending further life), 5. an organism, 6. organs of sense, 7. contact, 8. perceptions, 9. desire, 10. attachment, 11. rebirth, and 12. old age, disease, and death.

He saw that *Karma* demanded new reincarnation to atone for past evils. Only lack of cravings in a life of perfect justice would prevent rebirth. In order to acheive **Nirvana** (state of happiness acheived through the elimination of earthly desires, the liberation from rebirth, annihilation of individual consciousness, or union with God) should follow

"The Five Moral rules"

- 1. let not one kill any living being.
- 2. Let not one take what is not given to him.
- 3. Let not one speak falsely.
- 4. Let not one drink intoxicating drinks.
- 5. Let not one be unchaste.

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- 2. The insight regarding the beginning and ending of things
- 3. The insight regarding the destruction of things
- 4. The insight that the world is dreadful
- 5. The insight that such a dreadful world is full of emptiness and vanity
- 6. The insight that such a world should be loathed
- 7. The insight that the world should be forsaken
- 8. The insight that liberation should be realized
- 9. The insight that equilibrium should be observed in spite of the vicissitudes of life
- 10. The insight that adaptation has to be made for the realization of nirvana.



Buddhism

Bodhisattva "one whose being (sattva) is enlightenment (bodhi)" early define those who were to become Buddha in the future, later became the sage who while living in the world, had reflused the boon of cessation yet achieved realization, remains as a guide to the rest.

Mahayana - " the great(Maha) Ferry (yana)" is a vessel in which all may ride since all are already extinct. It is pleasure ride, a festival of joy.

Hinayana, "The Abandoned(hina) Ferry"(Yana)", is small, hard working transport for only yogis across a sea they despise on the way to nowhere at al!!

Later this group become named Theravada " the way of the elders.

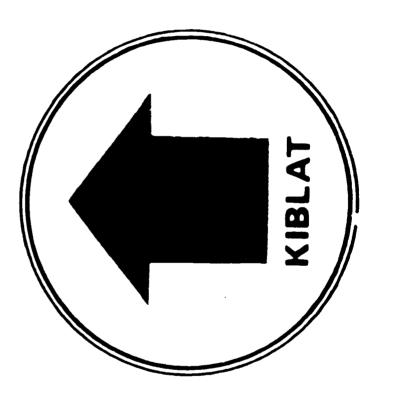
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"Buddhists are optimistic," he wrote, "because, though the world is full of sufferings, yet, to a Buddhist, there is a way out of it.":







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